



# July City Report 2016



Issue 28 #7 Pete Buttigieg, Mayor

City parks and recreation centers offer more than facilities to exercise and enjoy nature. As important as those things are, parks and recreation centers have a more important function: to unite communities.

Anyone who has spent a weekend afternoon at LaSalle Park, splashed around at Potawatomi pool, attended a concert at Seitz Park, or ice skated at Howard Park understands that impact of those places goes far beyond the activities themselves. That's why we're implementing a plan to enhance what the South Bend Parks and Recreation department has to offer.

In 2014, the City oversaw the development of a five-year master plan that outlined maintenance, equipment, and capital needs to modernize South Bend's parks system. In early 2015, the Common Council passed \$5 million in bonds to finance improvements. This summer, we're beginning to see the results of those efforts.

A new dog park opened on Niles Avenue, and a new basketball court was dedicated at Kennedy Park, which will also receive new playground equipment later this summer. Freemont Park and Kelly Park also will have a new basketball court and new playground equipment soon. Additional improvements to the Charles Black Center and Howard Park Ice Rink are on the horizon as well.

And we're excited to announce the opening of the Aerial Adventure Course at South Bend's Rum Village Park in mid-August. The course will feature a network of zip lines, walking bridges and tightropes suspended above the ground. The course offers 60 separate platforms and challenging ways for people to get from one platform to another with varying levels of difficulty, while harnessed up. It's sure to be a popular addition to South Bend parks activities.

South Bend's splash pads—at Charles Black Recreation Center, Coquillard Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, O'Brien Park, and Potawatomi Park, and Southeast Neighborhood Park—are free of charge and will be open seven days a week from 10 am to 7 pm seven until temperatures cool.

Potawatomi Pool is open until August 12. The hours are 12 to 6 pm Monday-Sunday, except Wednesdays when the hours are 2 to 8 pm. Kennedy Water Playground is open until August 7. Hours are 11 am to 5 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Thursday hours are 1 to 7 pm and Sundays 12 to 5 pm.

Entrance fees for Potawatomi Pool and Kennedy Water Playground are \$4 for ages 3-17, \$5 for age 18 and older, and free for children under age 2. Kennedy Water Playground entry fees are discounted to \$2 for all patrons on Tuesdays and Sundays.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer taking advantage of all South Bend has to offer.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Pete

## City Engineering Interns

Kevin just graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Masters in Civil Engineering. He also earned his bachelors in Civil Engineering from Notre Dame. His master's and undergraduate research was on seismic vulnerability and resiliency of low-income housing in developing countries.



Nadia also just graduated from the University of Notre Dame. She completed her Masters with the ESTEEM program and her research was on water filtration. She earned her bachelors in Civil Engineering from Embry-Riddle in 2015. Prior to that she worked as a cryptologic technician interpretive in the US Navy for 5 years.



## *Change of Pace*

Now up to date. Wooo Whoo

### *April 2016*

**John Lankowicz**..... IT/Innovation from GIS Specialist, Sr.  
to GIS Manager (Data Manager)

**James Luccki** ..... Fire Department from Battalion Chief to  
Assistant Fire Chief

**Brian Pawlowski**..... Department of Community Investment from  
Assistant Executive Director to Interim Executive Director

**Ernest Taylor** ..... Solid Waste from Driver to Superintendent V

### *Welcome*

### *May 2016*

**Timothy Corcoran**..... Department of Community Investment

**Tricia Deal**..... Police Records

**Eva Ennis** ..... Park Department

**Matthew Esau** ..... Park Department

**Kevin Fink** ..... Engineering

**Salud Garcilazo** ..... Solid Waste

**Lucy MacFarlane** ..... IT/Innovation

**Terry Malone II**..... Solid Waste

**Devon Mills** ..... Animal Control

**Derick Roberts**..... Streets & Sewers

**Adam Vargo**..... Equipment Services

### *Retirements*

### *May 2016*

**Nicholas Kowalski**..... Fire Department (39 yrs 5 mos dedicated service)

**Thomas Pennino** ..... Fire Department (29 yrs 0 mos dedicated service)

### *35 years*

Thomas Kristofzski	Parks and Rec
Floyd Taylor	Solid Waste

### *30 Years*

Paula Martinez	Environmental. Services
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### *25 years*

John Banacki	SBFD
James Jones	SBFD

### *20 years*

Aaron Cassel	SBPD
Alan Delinski	SBPD
Brad Ernsberger	SBPD

## *Anniversaries*

### *April 2016*

### *15 years*

Mark Florkowski	Parks and Rec
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### *10 years*

Abbey Canfield	Environmental Services
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### *5 years*

Benjamin Vergil	Sewer Dept
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## Anniversaries May 2016

30 years

Robert Hammer SBPD

10 years

John Cantrell Morris Perf Arts

5 years

Corey Calvert SBPD  
Derek Krol Water Works



Connor Yoder, son of Jeff Yoder, SBFD graduated from Northwood HS with Academic Honors. He will attend Purdue University to study flight technology.

Dana McDorman-Kolata, granddaughter of Ann Kolata, Community Investment, graduated from St. Joseph HS with highest honors. She will be attending Michigan State University.



Shilese Coleman, daughter of Tray Coleman, Equipment Services, and wife Delisa, graduated from Washington HS. Shilese will be attending Navy Boot Camp, Great Lakes, IL. Above photo of Shilese taking her oath.

Alexa Robbins, granddaughter of Rita Quinn, Water Depart., graduated Cum Laude from John Adams HS. Alexa will be attending Purdue Univ.

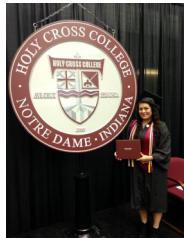


Ed Williams, Code Enforcement Inspector, graduated from IVY Tech with a Criminal Justice Degree.

Dora Gonzalez, Code Enforcement Office Staff member, graduated from IVY Tech. with a Criminal Justice Degree.



Nice going Code Enforcement—look out now!



Jazmin Garcia Lang, of Human Resources graduated with Highest Honors from Holy Cross College with a Major in Psychology and minors in Marketing and Leadership and Management. She is the first in her family to graduate college.

Right after graduation Jazmin grabbed her bags and traveled to Lima, Peru leading a group of 10 students on a service trip.



Deven Hardin, daughter of Danya Hardin, Human Rights, graduated from John Adams HS.

Levi Sabin, grandson of Jenn Sabin, 311 Call Center, graduated from Allegan Senior HS. He has received Scholarships to Davenport University. Pictured is Levi and Grandpa Albert Sabin III.



Katie Ulrich, daughter of Alex Ulrich-Wahl, Utility IT, graduated from Clay HS, Magna Cum Laude with the Presidents' Award for Educational Excellence. Katie will be attending IU Bloomington.

Hannah Bueno, daughter of Manny Bueno (Environmental Services) and wife Mary Pat, graduated May 2016. She was part of the first graduating class from the new Saint Joseph High School. She will be attending Loyola University in Chicago, Ill. Congrats Hannah!



(left to right) Kayla, Katie and Kelsey are granddaughters of Linda Parr, System Specialist. Kayla is now stationed in San Diego, finishing up with the Navy. Katie graduated from IU Bloomington. (Kelsey is still attending IU.)



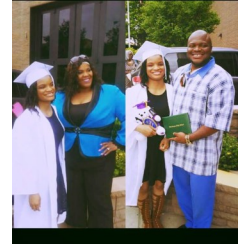
Ashley Sniadecki, daughter of Mike Sniadecki, of Innovation and Tech. Dept. graduated from Penn HS. Good Job.



Kevin Smigielski, son of Rick Smigielski, Environmental Services, graduated from Duke University, with a Theology of Medicine and Culture, Master of Divinity degree. He will be the Hospital Chaplin in Louisville, KY.



Brakalia, daughter of Melvin Smith, Environmental Services, graduated from Washington HS. She will be attending the University of Valparaiso, studying Bio Chemistry.



Mitch Murphy, son of John Murphy, Admin and Finance, graduated from St. Joseph HS. He will be studying economics at Duke University this fall.



Kim Loughlin, daughter of Jo Ann Loughlin, SBPD and husband Matt, graduated from 6 years of Pharmacy School, Ohio Northern University. She is already employed with CVS Pharmacy.

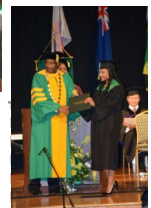


Monica Murphy, daughter of John Murphy, shaking hands with Chancellor Terry Allison at her graduation ceremony from Indiana University at South Bend with Masters of Social Work degree. Monica works in Elkhart at First Steps and is also an empowerment coach with Skylight Leadership.

Alyssa Freestone, granddaughter of Patrice Freestone, Palais Royale, graduated from Chesterton HS. She was a student teacher her senior year and fell in love with the kids and teaching. She plans to attend Purdue with a major in teaching.



Jayla Merriweather, daughter of Josie Merriweather, from Parks and Rec, graduated from Kentucky State University

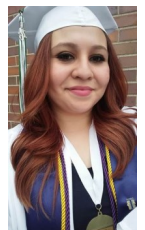


Libby Rozmarynowski, daughter of Jennifer Paul, Parks and Rec., graduated from Mishawaka HS. She will be attending IUSB, majoring in elementary education with an art minor.

Job well done to Firefighters Ed Meyer, Mel Clark, Lisa McCreary, Tony Marvel, Jean Gomez, and Shawn Kuminecz. They participated in the annual Firefighter Run in the Sunburst 5K. Once again, they were greeted with much enthusiasm and admiration while running in full turnout gear.



Clerk's Office Intern Mayra Chanon Gutierrez graduated from Washington HS. She will be attending Holy Cross College.



Kelsey Timmer, daughter of Lory Timmer, from Community Investment, graduated from the University of Washington with a Masters of Public Affairs degree.

John Alexander IV, son of Andrea Alexander, Environmental Services, graduated from Penn HS. His plans are to attend Ivy Tech studying CNC Programming.



We express our deepest sympathy to Mark Kruszynski, Water Works, for the passing of his mother on May 30, 2016. She was a very proud grandma and will be missed by all.



## South Bend Parks and Recreation



### Roc Ur Body

Free Family Event in Howard Park. SBFD, SBPD, County Parks, YMCA, County Health Department will all have FUN activities and there will be cooking demonstrations, as well.

### Potawatomi and Kennedy Water Playground Open!

#### Kennedy Water Playground

**NEW \$2.00 Tuesday and Sunday – All entries \$2.00, Late Day Thursdays 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

#### Potawatomi Pool

**Late Day Wednesdays 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

### Children's Arts in the Park

Children's Arts in the Park program presents a variety of art forms in a public park setting for pre-school to young school age children. Join us for artistic and educational programs in various parks this summer. All programs are on Thursday's and start at 10:30 a.m. Free to the public.

Date	Place	Program
July 21	Seitz Park	Water Fun
July 28	Potawatomi Park-Chris Wilson	Magic Show

### Family Passport to Play

Event: Summer Splash and Learn

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Kennedy Water Playground

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

<http://www.facebook.com/PlayPassport>

### Outdoor Film Series

Remember going to the Drive-in? In collaboration with Downtown South Bend and Visit South Bend Mishawaka, we are bringing back the Family Movie Night by offering FREE movies at various City of South Bend locations.

**All Movies start at Dusk. There will be fun activities preceding the movies.**

Date	Place	Program
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Angels in the Outfield	Byers Softball Complex at St. Clair Park
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Inside Out	Gridiron
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Good Dinosaur	Chris Wilson Pavilion in Potawatomi Park

<http://sbpark.org/activities/special-events/outdoor-film-series/>

**Where:** The Gridiron, 122 S. Michigan St.



### Doc Walk

Join local doctors for free weekly walks along the beautiful St. Joseph River. Every Wednesday starting at 5:30 p.m. in Howard Park meet at the playground to walk ½ mile to 3 miles, whatever your comfort level allows.

<https://www.facebook.com/docwalkssjc/>

### Arts on the Race

Join us the last Saturday of the month during the summer as we celebrate the arts during East Race rafting. Arts on the Race is a continuation of Art Beat as local artists display and sell their art work along the East Race Waterway. Come out, take a ride down the East Race, meet an artist, and take home a new treasure!

<https://downtownsouthbend.com/arts-race>

### Concert Series

Free Concerts at the Chris Wilson Pavilion both Saturdays and Sundays. Free Concerts at Seitz Park on Sundays

### Independence Day Celebration

July 3: 3rd Session 4-6 pm, Billy "Stix" Nicks & The Motown Machine 7-10 p.m. **FIREWORKS at dusk**

<http://sbpark.org/activities/special-events/>

### Outdoor Fitness Series

**Free Yoga, Zumba, and more!**

**When:** Every Saturday June 11 – September 24

**Time:** 8 am: Yoga

9 am: Zumba

10 am: Fit Camp/Boot Camp/Barre/Cardio

**Where:** The Gridiron, 122 S. Michigan St.

<https://downtownsouthbend.com/outdoor-fitness-series>



Women's Conference September 14, 2016  
SAVE THIS DATE.



Congratulations to Al Greek, Director of Utilities, he is a proud Grandpa for the third time. This is Evelyn Rose "Evie" born 6/27 weighting 5.15 oz. Mommy, Daddy, Grandpa, Grandma and her 2 sisters welcome her into this world.

## Morris Performing Arts

DAY	DATE	SHOW	TYPE
Sep.7-18	16 perf.	WICKED	Broadway
Tues	10/11/16	Peppa Pig "Big Splash Tour"	Children's show
Sat	10/22/16	The Bergamot "Unity Tour"	Benefit the MCH
Sat	10/8/16	Dvorak's "New World" Symphony	Symphony
Wed	11/2/16	The Moody Blues "Fly Me High Tour"	Classic Rock
Sat	11/5/16	The Music of John Williams	Symphony
Sat	11/12/16	The Price is Right	Game Show
Sat	11/26/16	Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer	Broadway
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Tue	11/29/16	Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis	Christmas Show
Sat	12/3/16	Brahms' Second Symphony	Symphony
Thur	12/15/16	Straight No Chaser "I'll Have Another"20th World Tour	Concert
Sat	12/17/16	Symphony Holiday Show	Symphony
Sun	12/18/16	Symphony Holiday Show	Symphony
Sat	12/28/16	Scheheradaze	Symphony
Fri	1/20/17	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Broadway
Sat	1/21/17	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Broadway
Fri	3/3/17	Once	Broadway
Sat	3/4/17	Once	Broadway
Sat	3/11/17	Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique"	Symphony
Wed	4/5/17	Riverdance "The 20th Anniversary World Tour"	
Thur	4/6/17	Riverdance "The 20th Anniversary World Tour"	
Sat	4/15/17	Beethoven's 5th	Symphony
Sat	4/22/17	Dirty Dancing - The Classic Story on Stage	Broadway
Sun	4/23/17	Dirty Dancing - The Classic Story on Stage	Broadway
Mon	5/15/17	Mamma Mia	Broadway
Tue	5/16/17	Mamma Mia	Broadway



Celebrate summer downtown at **Fridays by the Fountain**

in front of the ***Morris Performing Arts Center*** for a fun way to begin your weekends!

July 1 ..... Middle of the Road Band ..... (Classic Rock/Oldies)  
 July 8 ..... The Roosters ..... (Classic Rock)  
 July 15 ..... Hoosier Highway ..... (Country)  
 July 22 ..... Andy Frisinger ..... (Acoustic Soft Rock)  
 July 29 ..... Qsonics ..... (Blues)  
 August 5 .... Sue and Joe Not so Acoustic ... (Acoustic Soft Rock)  
 August 12 .... Whistle Pigs ..... (Rock/Jazz/R&B)  
 August 19 .... Billy "Stix" Nicks & Motown Machine (Motown/R&B)  
 August 26 .... Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts/IUSB.... (Variety)



CENTURY CENTER  
SOUTH BEND

CENTURY CENTER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVENTS  
**JULY**

1 Meet Me on the Island/SB Museum of Art  
 1 DTSB First Friday  
 8 Zamora Entertainment – Concert & Dance  
 16 Michiana Fight League – Fight Night  
 30 Outlaw Reigns Pro Wrestling

For more information on the following events contact:

Century Center.....9711  
 SB Regional Museum of Art.....9102  
 Morris Performing Arts Center.....9190  
 Parks/Recreation Department.....299-4765  
 Notre Dame.....631-5031  
 St. Patrick's Park.....288-3472  
 No. Indiana Center for History.....235-9664  
 St. Joseph Co. 4H Fairgrounds.....291-4870

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